S.No.	Zone	Name of the Project
9.	Southern	Doubling of Track between Yesvantpur and Tumkur (64 kms).
10.	South Central	Construction of new Broad Gauge line from Bidar to Gulbarga (116 kms).
11.	South Central	Construction of new Broad Gauge line from Gadwal to Raichur (60.26 kms).

Damaging of Railway Tracks between Delhi and Ambala

2002. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether heavy damage of railway tracks on the Delhi-Ambala Section was reported in the recent past;

(b) whether such serious damage led to cancellation/diversion of prestigious trains for 20 days, resulting into heavy financial losses to Railways;

(c) whether such serious damage was due to running of locomotives with flattened wheels;

(d) whether running of such locomotives affects running speed and sound on tracks from mechanical study; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken against locomotive drivers responsible for (b) above and avoid inconvenience to the passengers in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The damage was triggered by the passenger of a locomotive with skidded wheels which was allowed to run in this condition due to failure on part of some of the staff to detect and take timely preventive action.

(d) Yes, Sir. Running of a locomotive with flat wheel produces abnormal sound. However, it does not on its own reduce the running speed.

(c) Based on the recommendation and conclusions of the enquiry committee, Disciplinary Action against the locomotive driver has been initiated for failure to abide by rules and instructions. Instructions have been reiterated to all the concerned staff to be alert and look for any such wheel flats on rolling stock.

Laying New Rail Lines in Maharashtra

2003. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received some proposals from the Maharashtra Government and various State Governments for laying new rail lines;

(b) whether these proposals have been accommodated in Railway Budget for 1999-2000; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Demands for 4 new line projects and for speeding up one project have been received from the Chief

14-295 GIPMR/99.